Per barrel exploration and operational cost

321. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the per barrel exploration and operational cost incurred by ONGC and Oil India Ltd. in various oil fields in the country;

(b) whether Government have conducted any comparative study on the oil exploration cost in India with those of other oil producing countries of the world; and

(c) if so, what are the results of the comparative study and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) The weighted average cost of exploration per barrel of recoverable reserves of oil and oil equivalent of gas during Sixth Plan of ONGC was Rs. 5.30 and that of Oil India Ltd. Rs. 6.06.

The cost of crude oil production per barrel in the terminal year of Sixth Plan for ONGC and OIL was as under:—

(Rs./per barrel)

	Cost excluding statutory charges
ONGC	65.08
OIL	45.79

(b) and (c) Cost comparisons with other countries are difficult because—

(i) Finding cost of other countries are not available.

(ii) Exploration conditions vary from country to country because of difference in hydrocarbon accumulation.

(iii) There are wide cost variations from basin to basin within our own country.

Expansion and modernisation of oil refineries

322. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to expand and modernise some of the oil refineries in the country;

(b) if so what are the names of those refineries giving details of proposed expansion and modernisation; and

(c) whether the present refineries have the capacity to process the country's entire crude oil production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) The capacities of the Gujarat and Mathura refineries are being expanded to 9.5 MTPA and 7.5 MTPA respectively. A proposal has also been received for modernisation of the Digboi refinery.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Pending applications for cooking gas in Allahabad

323. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications pending as on the 31st March, 1987

in Allahabad for cooking gas connections; and

(b) how much time it is likely to take for allotment of new connections?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) About 29,000.

(b) The release of new LPG connection in the country including Allahabad is a continuous process and is made under the annual enrolment programme of the Oil Industry, being determined by augmentation in availability of LPG, bottling capacity, transportation arrangements and other infrastructure.

Accidents due to LPG cylinders blast

324. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention have been drawn to the fact that serious accidents which took place were due to the accidental blasting of LPG cylinders while in use;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and the remedial action that Government propose to take in this regard;

(c) whether any enquiries have been conducted in regard to two such serious accidents that occurred recently in Indore; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Hardly any case of accident due for blasting of LPG cylinders has been reported.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) At Indore, one accident involving Indane Gas occurred on the 3rd March, 1987 at the house of a consumer when two persons died. The accident was due to fire caused by escaped LPG from a cylinder. In another accident on the 28th February, 1987 at the house of an H.P. Gas consumer, an explosion took place due to escaping of LP Gas from a cylinder. Two persons received minor injuries.

जाली टर्मिनेशन वाउचर

325. **श्री सुनील कुमार पट्टनायक :** क्या **पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस** मंत्री 10 नवम्बर, 1986 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न 689 के दिये गये उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या इंडियन आयल कारपोरेशन के सतर्कता विभाग द्वारा संदर्भित टर्मिनेशन वाउचरों के बारे में कोई जांच की गई है ; यदि हां, तो उन में से कितने प्रतिशत वाउचर जाली पाये गये हैं ; और

(ख) क्या सरकार उपर्युक्त भाग (क) में उल्लिखित मामलों की जांच कराने का विचार रखती है ताकि इन टर्मिनेशन वाउचरों की प्रमाणिकता की पुष्टि की जा सके; यदि हां, तो प्रस्ताव का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री और वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री ब्रह्मदत्त) : (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) स्थापित प्रक्रिया के अनुसार प्राप्त करने वाले वितरक द्वारा जारी करने वाले वितरक से टर्मिनेशन वाउचरों की प्रमाणिकता की जांच की जाती है । यह प्रक्रिया लगातार चलती है और सरकार द्वारा इसकी जांच करने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है ।